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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Joel Olson

Dear Fellow Members, The 2003 TNA Convention was wonderful. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones. The bourse was a sell out. Activity was brisk.

The new slate of TNA officers was inducted. A special thanks to John Wilson, ANA President, for his kind words of induction. Your new officers are myself; Mike Greenspan, First Vice President; Ginger Pike, Second Vice President; Hal Cherry, Secretary; and Debbie Williams, Treasurer. Additionally, we have a new slate of governors listed herein with challenging tasks for the coming two years.

We are deeply indebted to the prior officers who served selflessly and who deserve our sincere thanks. Jerry Williams, President; Gary Hill, First Vice President; Mike Grant, Second Vice President; Ray Whyborn, Secretary; and Gerry Kammer, Treasurer.

We have several new challenges for the coming term. First, we are in the process of selecting a steering committee charged with the task of developing new educational programs to be in conformity with our stated exempt purpose. Second, we would appreciate any contributions of historical TNA materials, which could be used in documenting the past heritage of our organization. Old TNA ribbons, photographs, baseball tickets, show programs and the like would be greatly appreciated. Third, notices and ideas for our web site are greatly appreciated. David Burke reported that we had over 2 million hits last year on our web site. This is an irreplaceable venue for us to inform people worldwide. Finally, Gary Hill needs your contributions for our spectacular Coins for A's program. Only through your support can this form of education and support for the youth continue. If you would like to serve or to contribute, please contact either me or Hal Cherry halcherry@msn.com or Gary Hill at gohill@attbi.com at your earliest convenience.

Thanks for your support, Joe

TREASURER'S REPORT

by: GERRY KAMMER

Balance Sheet--As of May 7, 2003

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	52,130.32
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	-15.77
Memorial Library Fund	707.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	2,033.37
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	<u>21,381.00</u>
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	<u>25,106.18</u>
Total Checking/Savings	77,236.50
Accounts Receivable	
Lost Mail Deposit	51.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>51.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
CD--Clear Lake National Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>157,287.50</u>
Total Assets	<u>157,287.50</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Fund Balance	159,268.89
Net Income	-1,981.39
Total Equity	<u>157,287.50</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>157,287.50</u>

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM GERRY

"I have enjoyed being your treasurer for the last four years. Thank you for allowing me to serve the TNA.
Sincerely, Gerry Kammer."

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

TNA Convention

I truly hope each and every one of you had a chance to attend our recent TNA Convention in Ft. Worth. It was a great convention and our show coordinator, James Harding and Show Chairmen, Gary Hill and Mike Grant are to be congratulated for a **JOB WELL DONE!** Everyone who had a part in making the show a success is to be congratulated as well. To name a few (and I sincerely apologize if I leave anyone out); Russell Prinzinger for the youth auction; Helen Snider for the book auction; Frank and Karla Galindo for a very successful and beautiful medal program; Paul Garner as exhibit chair; Barbara Edwards for the educational programs that included ANA President John Wilson giving a talk; and to all who worked in any and every capacity we say **THANKS**. I thought the show was great, especially compared to what I have been reading of late about other national shows. One large national show recently reported in Coin World that at their youth auction only six YNs showed up. We had many, many more than that at ours. It was great seeing the excitement of the kids bidding and winning! Russell did a great job. It is not too late to begin thinking about donating an item to next year's auction. Our YNs are keys to the future of our hobby and we need to do whatever we can to keep their interest. Also, our book auction had a lot of fine books in it with many advanced references thanks to our new VP, Mike Greenspan. Helen did a great job and the auction netted TNA \$506! The time I spent at the show, it seemed really busy with a lot of traffic. I did not get a chance to talk to dealers and get their feelings on this, but it did seem well attended. Hopefully Gary and/or Mike will give us an in-depth report on the convention for the next issue. This convention was also a fairly unique one in that all of our elected offices changed hands. Joe Olson, a past TNA president is our new president; Mike Greenspan and Ginger Pike will serve as our first and second VPs; Debbie Williams will serve as treasurer and Hal Cherry is the new secretary. Many of our governors retained their positions, although we did have four that changed hands. *Officers and governors—please review your information on the officer page and the “Electronic TNA” page and if your information is incorrect or missing, please advise me on the correct information.* While the future with this new group is eagerly anticipated, we would be remiss if we did not say a big **THANK YOU** to those who led us so loyally, ably and competently the last four years. Jerry Williams, Gary Hill, Mike Grant, Gerry Kammer and Ray Whyborn—words cannot express how much you are appreciated and how much your efforts were a positive impact on TNA. Also thanks to our retiring governors, Mary Jane Whyborn, LaMonte Pitzer, Ralph Ross and Hal Cherry who moves to secretary.

At the annual board meeting, we had some great discussions and Joe presented a lot of the future to us. We have an incredible opportunity before us due to the large financial gift we have received thanks in large part to Helen Snider's efforts. The one thing I was not satisfied with was our membership report. It

was stated that including clubs and all types of members, we have about 600 members. Some felt that we were doing well. I personally think that shows we have a long way to go. As large as Texas is, we should have double or triple that! So, go recruit a member!

We had a very nice awards breakfast on Sunday. Many deserving people were recognized for their efforts with beautiful plaques and certificates. I was fortunate enough to be awarded the Lewis Reagan award and would like to thank the society for this great and very humbling honor. I promise to work to uphold the values and duties associated with that award.

Next year holds great things for us. Our new leadership will be taking us into heretofore-uncharted waters with a new emphasis on education and other activities. It will also be the year of the Texas quarter! Many great and eagerly anticipated events will happen. Stay tuned and bring a friend along for the ride! If you would like to submit something, please see the deadlines below:

July/August Issue	July 4, 2003
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Closing Thoughts from Gary Hill

I wanted to take this opportunity to say that as your General Show Chairman and 1st VP for the last four years, I have had a wonderful experience and enjoyed trying to promote and help our great Texas Numismatic Assn. I was looking forward, in the natural progression of events, to follow in Jerry Williams footsteps as your next President. But my decision was that I felt my expertise could be better used as your Co-Bourse Chairman along with Mike Grant for at least the next two years. We want to make this a great event each year. Because of this role, I decided not to run for President. But I know Joe Olsen will do a great job as he has before, as your new President. For next years Convention (2004), I am currently trying to get the National release date of the Texas State Quarter to coincide with our Convention. This would bring lots of politicians and free press. My wife, Cindy and I will continue to manage the Coins for A's Program as we have for the last six years with good success. I have also recently applied to the U.S. Mint as a member of the "Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee". Thanks to all of you for your help and support and may God Bless you and yours. Sincerely, Gary Hill.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN

Welcome to new members R-6468 – R-6483, Chapter C-0225 and LM-191. No objections were received & these applicants became members on May 1st. The following have applied for membership. If no objections are received from the membership, they will become members on July 1, 2003.

R-6484 – D-04 Chet Falkenhainer, P.O. Box 180086, Austin TX 78718-0086. Dealer specializing in pre-1950 world coins. Paul E. Garner

R-6485 – D-05 John L. Washburn, 850 Willowgate Drive, Prosper TX 75078. Morgan Dollars, bust halves, type coins. Gary Rollins

R-6486 – D-06 Jason Stevens, 4740 Ingersol, #207, Houston TX 77027. Dba Affordable Coins of Houston. Paul E. Garner

J-6487 – D-07 Marshall McMurray, 384 Treeline Park, #514, San Antonio TX 78209. None stated. Gary Hill

R-6488 – D-22 Ron Hunderfund, P.O. Box 3013, Carefree AZ 85377. Bust halves. James Harding

R-6489 – D-04 Howard R. Hagemann, P.O. Box 13041, Austin TX 78711. Gold coins. Paul E. Garner

R-6490 – D-11 Dr. Enid M. Bates, 3516 Plum Lane, Amarillo TX 79121, general, Doug Hershey

R-6491 – D-01 George S. Terrill, 143 Lori Dr., Weatherford TX 76087-7423, none stated, Frank Galindo

R-6492 – D-01 Frank G. Schick, 7940 Kandy Lane, N. Richland Hills TX 76180, cents, Mark A. Kaiser

R-6493 – D-12 Claude D. Mathes, P.O. Box 8038, Huntville TX 77340, none stated Frank Galindo

R-6494 – D-02 Lee Hise, (formerly member R-3711), 2105 Winddrift, Midland TX 79707, 20th century coins, Debbie Williams

R-6495 – D-02 Kim Groves, 114 Park Circle, McKinney TX 75069, none stated, Debbie Williams

R-6496 – D-01 Howard Altshuler, 1833 Honey Mesquite, Flower Mound TX 75028, Washington quarters & Roosevelt dimes, Paul E. Garner

R-6497 – D-05 John Ostendorf, 108 Myrtle Ave., Waxahachie TX 75165,

R-6498 – D-22 John W. Wilson, 9353 SW 92nd Place Road, Ocala FL 34481-6502, ANA President, collects too much, Jerry Williams

R-6499 – D-06 Eugene N. Smart, 5889 South Braeswood, Houston TX 77096, none stated, David Pike

R-6500 – D-05 Edwin Bruce Strimple, 2010 Glenbrook Meadows, Garland TX 75040-4139, none stated, Frank Galindo

R-6501 – D-22 Eric M. Cantwell, 410A Creek Trail, Burns Flat OK 73624, dba: Eric M. Cantwell Antiques, Coins and collectibles, Paul E. Garner.

LM-192 – D-22 Michael Mouret, P.O. Box 77512, Baton Rouge LA 70879, dba: Louisiana Gold & Gems, Frank Galindo

C-0226 – D-12 Texarkana Coin Club, c/o Tony Wakin, 6712 N. Hills Dr., Texarkana TX 77503, Gary Hill

VIP Award This Issue
Is shared by
Frank Galindo and Paul E. Garner

IN MEMORIAM
John M. Skrhak--R-6102

of Austin TX, passed away in December 2002. John joined TNA on September 1, 1998. Notification of his passing was not received until April 18th, when his wife, Mary Ellen, received the 2003 annual dues notice. John will be missed by all who knew him.

Still Missing!

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The above names have been removed from the data base and no further copies of the *TNA News* will be sent until correct addresses are received by the Secretary.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

I want to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to TNA and the members I have served for the past few years that I have been your Secretary. Many of you are personal friends. More of you are members that I have come to know while I’ve had this position. Many of you have been quite helpful, and for that I am eternally grateful!

Many of you have asked why I am leaving, when I obviously enjoy being your Secretary so much. Rest assured that I have no personality problems with anyone in this wonderful family. I have enjoyed the relationships I have established with the various officers and the general membership. I have tried very hard to master my tasks and many of you have been quite helpful. I will admit that I have been very disappointed and frustrated with a few that don’t take their office seriously or fail to answer letters, notes, telephone calls or electronically transmitted messages, but that is to be expected, given our lax and liberal “go-with-the-flow” society.

In a nutshell, my failing health precludes me from doing this task in the professional manner that it deserves. I have always been proud to serve this Association, but it has become increasingly more difficult with time, as rheumatoid arthritis and hepatitis C continue to invade and destroy my fragile body. Rather than do a poor job, I prefer to step down and let someone else with better health and more vigor serve you.

For those of you who have been so helpful and for those committee members with whom I have served, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will continue to serve as a Governor, and I will still be in as many Board of Director meetings as my health will permit.

Hopefully, I will now have the time and energy to pursue my fondest desire of researching subjects and writing numismatic and philatelic articles. I look forward to the times when I can share my love of this hobby with those of you who enjoy reading.

My parting hope is that every one of you will work with our new Secretary, Hal Cherry, to make his task as easy, accurate and professional as possible. He is a hard working, dedicated officer and will do a very good job, but, he will need your help. Be sure to provide him the tools he needs to serve you. I will really miss it. Thanks for being there for me the past few years. I leave this office in very good hands.

Sincerely, Ray Whyborn

**SEE YOU IN
FORT WORTH
NEXT YEAR!!**

MAY 14-16, 2004

2002 TNA AWARDS

(awarded at TNA convention, May 2003)

TNA HALL- OF-FAME AWARD GERRY KAMMER



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ALAMO COIN CLUB

EXHIBIT AWARDS

ADULT

1st—May Garner—

(also received the Best of Show) “The Medals of the 2nd Phillipine Republic



2nd—Pat Curran

3rd—Dave Schwann

JUNIORS

1st—1994 U.S. Proof Set (Ralph—send me his name & I will publish it!)

2nd—Jillian Ross

NON-COMPETITIVE

SACAGEWEA—Emily Garner

AWARDS of MERIT

Pat Curran

Thomas Collins

TNA CONVENTION IN PICTURES



ANA President John Wilson helps TNA President Jerry Williams and Bourse Chairman Mike Grant cut the ribbon to open the show.



Karla Galindo sells a TNA medal while Frank looks on.



Helen Snider ran yet another very successful book auction.



The bourse floor seemed to be a busy place to be.



**The Youth Auction was very popular and well run—
Thanks Russell!**





ANA President John Wilson and wife Nancy with TNA President Jerry Williams & wife Barbara.



New TNA officers Joe Olson, Mike Greenspan, Hal Cherry, Ginger Pike and Debbie Williams were sworn in by ANA President John Wilson.



The outgoing officers presided over their last board of governors meeting.



New TNA President Joe Olson made his "*inaugural*" speech to the group at the board meeting.

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UNITED STATES COINS—A “PRIMER”

SEATED QUARTERS—PART 1

This historical information is compiled from the U.S. Coins Series compliments of Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

1838-66 SEATED LIBERTY QUARTER WITHOUT MOTTO

For over a decade, renowned banknote plate engraver and medalist Christian Gobrecht had been seeking a permanent position with the Mint. By the early 1800s, however, the nepotism permeating the Mint's employment practices was firmly entrenched. This engraver was that mint director's nephew, that official was another official's son, and so on. Professionally gifted as he was, but unrelated to any person-of-influence, Gobrecht unsuccessfully pursued the position of Chief Engraver. And ironically, he was without question, the best qualified for the job. One of seven children of a German immigrant minister, Gobrecht was born in 1785, in Hanover, Pennsylvania. After apprenticing to a clock-maker, he moved to Philadelphia in 1811, and acclaim for his work as an engraver soon came to the attention of Mint Director Robert Patterson. Gobrecht at first declined Patterson's offer in 1817 to become Chief Engraver Robert Scot's assistant, but when Scot died in 1823, Gobrecht solicited President Monroe's endorsement for the vacant position. However, Chief Coiner Adam Eckfeldt (one of many Eckfeldts connected with U.S. coinage, both before and after this era) used his influence to see to the appointment of William Kneass, an engraver of lesser abilities, but whose studio was a gathering place for prominent Philadelphians. Finally, necessity won out over nepotism. In the summer of 1835, Kneass suffered a stroke and Gobrecht accepted Mint Director Robert Maskell Patterson's (brother-in-law of the previous director, Samuel Moore) offer of the position of Assistant Engraver. Gobrecht started work immediately on the task of improving and updating the coinage. Patterson, concerned about artistic merit on the Federal coinage and influenced by the seated goddess motifs of British designs, chose a drawing by Thomas Sully as the model for Gobrecht to bring to life on a new dollar coin. After the dollar patterns were released in December 1836, the Mint's ongoing penchant for using the same design on all silver coins caused Gobrecht to begin work on the other denominations. Spending most of his time on his daily duties of die making for the current mintage, he used what little spare opportunities he had over the next several years to rework the designs for the smaller coins. So it was the fall of 1838 before the new quarter replaced the old John Reich Capped Bust design. On the



obverse, Gobrecht used a modified version of his Liberty, seated on a rock and surrounded by thirteen stars, while the reverse had the Reich-Kneass eagle from the previous issue with the denomination as QUAR. DOL. instead of the earlier 25 C. In 1840, looking for an "improvement," Patterson hired miniaturist Robert Ball Hughes to rework the design. Hughes added drapery at the elbow, and in general succeeded in fattening the figure of Liberty. Many felt the resulting rendition lacked the artistic merit of Gobrecht's original, and despite



problems with flat striking, which did not exist with the 1838-39 coins, this version would remain for the rest of the series. Called the No Motto type because it lacked the motto IN GOD WE TRUST added in 1866, over 36 million coins were minted of this variety between 1838 and 1853 and again from 1856 through 1865. It was struck at three Mints; Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco. The mintmark is on the reverse below the eagle. Mint records

show that only 3,980 proofs of the type were made from 1859 onward, but proof examples from just about every year prior to then do exist, although they are exceedingly rare. The first issues, referred to as the No Drapery variety, most noticeably lacked a fold of drapery at Liberty's elbow. Issued only in 1838 and 1839 at Philadelphia and for part of the year 1840 at the New Orleans Mint, today this variety is scarce in all grades and very rare in mint state. At least one proof is purported to exist, possibly from among the twenty "specimens" sent by Patterson to Treasury Secretary Levi Woodbury in September, 1838. Hughes's modified design issued from 1840 onward is replete with rare dates. The major rarity is the 1842 Small Date. Struck only in proof for inclusion in presentation sets for dignitaries, supposedly only six specimens exist. Other very rare dates include 1842-O Small Date, 1849-O and 1852-O. By 1853, due to the increase in silver prices relative to gold, the silver in the No Motto quarters was worth more than face value. This led to their rapid disappearance from the channels of commerce. Accordingly, Mint Director George Eckert persuaded Congress to reduce the weight of silver coins to preclude melting. This set the stage for the next type of Seated Liberty quarter, the Arrows and Ray's variety. The No Motto variety would not return until 1856.



SPECIFICATIONS (1838-1866):

Diameter: 24.3 millimeters

Weight: 1838-53: 6.68 grams

Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper

Weight: 1856-65: 6.22 grams

Edge: Reeded

1853 SEATED LIBERTY QUARTER WITH ARROWS & RAYS

By the early 1850s, the whole country was infected with "gold fever"; in fact, the California Gold Rush had captured the attention of the entire world. From 1849 onward, vast amounts of the precious metal entered the channels of commerce from the new strikes in the West. With this unprecedented increase in supply, the price of gold on world bullion markets fell, relative to its value in silver. Conversely, silver became worth more in terms of gold. From 1834 to 1850, the intrinsic value of a silver dollar and a gold dollar was almost equal. By 1851, the silver in 4 quarters was worth \$1.035 in gold and by 1853 reached \$1.06. Silver coins were being withdrawn from circulation and were rapidly disappearing. Melting silver in large quantities and reselling the bullion for up to 6% more in gold, and then continually repeating the process, was a very profitable and seemingly endless pursuit. It is estimated that in 1850 and 1851 alone, over \$25,000,000 in silver coins were exported. As would happen several times in U.S. history, change for retail businesses dried up. The only silver coins available were an assortment of very worn Spanish coins and the tiny "fish scale" trimes, which were specifically authorized in 1851 as the nation's first subsidiary coins, having a metal content below their face value. Mint Director George Eckert approached Congress with a plan. Approve a reduction in the weight of the silver coins to below where it would be profitable to melt them. Even though this had already been done with the trime, the idea of issuing all silver coins this way struck Congress as "debasing the coinage" and would, in effect, place the nation on a gold standard. Congress was strongly against abandoning bimetallism and was not in a position to do so, as there was no way of telling when the ever-increasing flow of gold would end and what the eventual relative values of silver and gold would be. A compromise option was adopted, which included slightly lowering the amount of silver in the fractional coinage but keeping the old standard in the silver dollar as a symbol of Congress' continued allegiance to bimetallism. On February 21, 1853, Congress passed the Mint Act of 1853 which authorized a reduction in the weight of the quarter from the former 103-1/8 grains to 96 grains. The legislation accomplished its intended objective, for within a year the coin shortage was over. For the first time in its history, the country had an ample supply of small change. Officials felt the best way to make it easy for the public to distinguish the new lower-weight coins was to make an obvious design change. Christian Gobrecht's replacement as chief engraver, James Barton Longacre, accomplished this by adding arrows on each side of the date and a glory of



rays emanating from the eagle on the reverse. This change was particularly favored by the Treasury Department, whose main concern was being able to easily distinguish the old coins from the new, the better to remove the old from circulation. Mint records show that on March 3, 1853, five proof sets were struck, consisting of half dimes, dimes, quarters and half dollars with arrows. These sets have long been dispersed, and the individual coins are rarely seen. The first business strikes were released on April 26th. During the remainder of the year, 15,254,200 pieces were struck at Philadelphia and 1,332,000 pieces at New Orleans. Early in 1854, the new Mint Director, James Ross Snowden, was informed that impressing the rays into the reverse dies required an extra operation, and therefore more time and cost. Ordering the removal of the rays from subsequent coinage, Snowden effectively defined the Arrows and Rays quarter as a one-year only type, to be followed by the Arrows quarters of 1854-55.

1854-55 SEATED LIBERTY QUARTER DOLLAR WITH ARROWS

By early 1854, the coin shortage had ended, and more than a million dollars worth of silver coins were stored in the vaults of the Mint awaiting purchasers. The new, lighter weight coins were a life-giving force for retail trade throughout the country, and for the first time since the founding of the Republic the nation had an ample supply of small coins of uniform quality. 1854 saw more than 12 million quarters struck in the Philadelphia Mint alone. But the explanation of such a large mintage goes well beyond meeting the nation's needs for coinage at the time and is another example of bad faith with the American people, this time by the mal-administration of the law itself. The Mint Act of 1853 specifically required Mint officials to purchase silver bullion from the Mint's bullion fund and then sell the new coins to the public for gold coins only. What Mint Director James Ross Snowden did, however, was to pay bullion owners with the new silver coins. Even after the market price of silver bullion had fallen, the Mint continued this practice, and by setting no limits on the amount of bullion the Mint would purchase, Snowden effectively allowed the free coinage of silver, a practice Congress wished to discontinue in 1853. This situation virtually guaranteed that there

would soon be too many silver coins in circulation. Under other circumstances, this policy might not have presented any particular problems, but the coins authorized by the Mint Act of 1853 were only legal tender in amounts up to \$5. As the Mint Act did not allow for redemption of the coins and there was no possibility of exporting them (as there was with the heavier, old tenor coins), oversupply was inevitable, and it came quickly. Soon, retail stores refused silver coins except for small payments, and even banks declined to accept them for deposits. Some businesses that received large amounts of change were forced to sell their surplus to a broker at a discount. The situation became so serious that Treasury Secretary Guthrie temporarily suspended the coinage of quarters and half dollars, but he never investigated the Mint policy responsible for the oversupply. This redundancy in the nation's silver supply lasted until 1862, when the government finally suspended specie payments and coins once again disappeared from circulation. With \$100.00 face value in old tenor (pre-1853) silver coins still selling for \$106.60 in 1854, Mint Director Snowden believed that their value was still sufficiently high enough to warrant retaining some type of identifying mark on the new 1854 coins, and the arrows placed on the 1853 issues remained on either side of the date. The glory of rays on the reverse of the quarter and half dollar, however, required an extra operation in die preparation and shortened die life considerably, so Snowden ordered their



removal. As a result, Arrows quarters are distinguished only by this change on the reverse of the coin. Otherwise, the design is a continuation of the motifs originally engraved by Christian Gobrecht in the late 1830s, with the obverse depicting Liberty seated on a rock, surrounded by thirteen stars, and a spread winged eagle encircled by the inscriptions UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and QUAR. DOL. on the reverse. 1854 and 1855 saw Arrows quarters struck in three mints: Philadelphia, New Orleans, and San Francisco. Five issues are represented in the total mintage of 17,293,400 pieces, of which the vast majority were produced in Philadelphia in 1854. New Orleans produced over 1.5 million coins in 1854, including the scarce, so-called Huge O mintmark variety, but minted only 176,000 pieces in 1855. This issue is the rarest in the series, particularly in high grade, along with the San Francisco issue of 1855, the only year that that branch mint produced this design.

In general, Arrows quarters are collected as type pieces. 1854 is usually the date of choice, as it is available with the most regularity. When collected by date and mint, the other four issues are usually considered a part of the much larger No Motto series. Counterfeits are usually not a problem with this type. Proofs are very rare, and deceptively prooflike business strikes that resemble proofs are more likely to be encountered than counterfeits. At most, a few dozen proofs are known from each year, including a unique branch-mint proof struck in San Francisco in 1855 that traces its pedigree to then-Mint Superintendent Robert Aiken Birdsall. After 1855, so few old tenor silver coins remained in circulation that Director Snowden dropped the arrows from subsequent years, even though the weight remained the same.

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Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. American Inn, 7300 North I-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Francis Smith (1-800-691-2851)

October 19 **Waco, TX**
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November 22 **San Antonio, Texas** **57+ tables**
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February 7 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
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February 7-8 **Ft. Worth, Texas**
22nd Annual Winter Coin Show Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway 1-30. Free Admission Sat 9AM to 6PM Sun 9AM to 4PM. Tables \$200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N, Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Phone (817) 485-1777

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HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT I

Northeast Tarrant Coin Club (Internet Report)

The membership of the "new" Northeast Tarrant Coin Club celebrated our first anniversary on May 8th. There were 56 members and guests in attendance including ANA President John Wilson and TNA President Jerry Williams. Club President Richard Wallace held a very brief business meeting before introducing Mr. Wilson who recalled events during his travels and experiences as the ANA's top official. After his presentation we were treated to a large assortment of foods and drinks that had been prepared by Merle and Natalie Owens and Debbie and Ken George.

Five exceptionally desirable coins were donated by the 5 club officers as attendance awards. They included a high MS Walking Liberty half dollar, a nice Seated Liberty half dollar, a certified MS63 1879 Morgan dollar, an 1884-0 MS63 dollar and a 1988 Olympic Commemorative proof set. Mr. Wilson also contributed some items for door prizes from the ANA.

Winners were then drawn for items in an expanded raffle which included 8 excellent prizes plus the grand prize where the winner had the choice of 14 items valued at \$25 to \$50 each. Our guest, John Wilson, won the grand prize drawing and chose the high grade uncirculated 1923 peace dollar which he promptly donated back to the club. Ticket sales were sufficient to allow a second grand prize drawing which was won by Al Garrity who chose a beautiful 1838 large cent.

Seven visitors enjoyed the activities and decided to apply for membership. Our active club roster will now exceed 50 active collectors.

The Northeast Tarrant Coin Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Martin Street United Methodist Church 2621 Bedford Rd. Bedford, Tx. Meeting begins about 6:45 PM. Call Russell at 817-656 2540 for more information.

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The February 6, 2003 Meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by President Kammer with 9 members and one guest, David Shoemacher, present.

This month's short snorter was a plain little one Rupiah note from the Republic of Indonesia (1961). Security features included:

- Colored fibers in the paper
- A serial number printed separately from rest of design
- Fine surface printing (but not intaglio)

The Treasurer's report was read, we had \$158.37 in the account and \$47.77 in cash for a grand total of \$206.14. Immediately afterward more dues were collected, adding another \$10.00.

Old Business: A continuation of a conversation started at the dinner table during the Christmas party: What was the "Forgotten Battle" in Texas history? A skirmish at Medina in 1813, more than two decades before the Alamo. "Pal was right!" Since I was halfway around the world at the time, I didn't hear the conversation and so cannot explain why this was an issue.

New Business: Anyone care to report on the Houston show? The consensus was "fair". There were more tables, but last year was "better" in terms of paper money. Most of the dealers were pleased with the amount of business. A couple of stories about robberies and other mayhem from the Houston show were related. Just so happens the latest TNA news had an article on security at coin shows.

Second point of new business: A. Collectur related news he heard on the radio of a scam where individuals would try to pass off a \$10 "Liberty Coin" (Probably Liberian Dollars) as legal US tender. Wouldn't be the first time.

Third point, TNA dues are due! A motion was made to pay the \$17.00 (with real money), seconded, and passed with a majority vote.

4th: Pal reviewed a recent gun show in Mobile, AL. He brought several Civil War bullets, of which there were several types.

On to Show-And-Tell

Cyn brought:

- A selection of South African coins pulled from circulation while traveling there in December. There are at least four different types of each denomination in circulation as the arms on the reverse changed several times over the past few years. There were also 50-cent circulating commemoratives for the World Cup, including one dated 2003, received in change in Dec., 2002!

Roger brought his usual paper money:

- A large-size \$10 National bank note from Grapevine, TX
- A dramatic \$1 error note which actually circulated for awhile. The paper was crinkled and folded, and some of the back printing was on the front.
- 6 Republic of Texas notes, 3 cut cancelled and 3 not cancelled

Rod brought:

- an encased postage stamp from France, circa 1920, with the words "Credit Lyonnais"
- a really pretty and well-made copy of an 1895 US silver dollar, done in Aluminum.

Bruce brought

- an Eisenhower dollar book featuring the Accugrade system, and authored by Alan Hager. George brought:
- a Hong Kong coin set
- a belt buckle from the Civil War graced with an eagle
- An Ohio sesquicentennial medallion "1803-1953"

- A Humble Oil Refining Company commemorative medal/token "1 Billion gallons, Dec. 14, 1944; Houston, TX; 100 octane gasoline at Bay Towers Refinery" 100 octane gasoline was used as airplane fuel back in the day...

Pal brought (in addition to his bullets) 3 Civil War notes:

- Commercial Bank of Florida, Apalachicola, \$5, unsigned, undated
- \$1 1962, Bank of Virginia
- \$2 Bank of Old Dominion, dated May 1, 1862, Parisville, VA

A Collectur brought:

- crisp uncirculated 2001 series \$1 bills that HEB has been giving out

Last but not least, Gerry brought:

- a couple of 8 Reales coins, 1794 and 1795, Mexico City mint, some bright individual had sauderred into the center of some coasters.

The April 3, 2003 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by President Kammer with 9 members present. This month's short snorter was another plain little Indonesian note, this time a brown and slate blue 1 Sen note, series 1964. Security features included:

- Brown and blue colored fibers in the tan paper
- A serial number printed separately from rest of design
- Fine printing (surface, not intaglio)

A motion was made to give the annual donation to the church for allowing us to use their space for meetings. Previous years the donation was \$50.00, but it was suggested to up the value to \$75.00. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote. On to Show-And-Tell

Cyn brought:

- A dollar bill received in change which had a quasi-political "stamp" on the back. "I AM ISSUED BY A PRIVATE, RUN-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, printed for nothing, backed by nothing. I am a completely fraudulent perpetual debt-slavery instrument. A. Collectur showed up late at 7:28 pm.

Roger also brought paper money graffiti:

- A 50 cent Confederate note with the following written on the back: "this money came from my grandmother Casey & was given to me by my father W.B. Tucker on Feb. 11, 1896"
- The second item was not so defaced: a 1000 Yen note from Japan, with a serial number of NK222222 F. The 2's were rather stylized.

About this time someone mentioned the US Armed forces in Iraq were carrying pocket change consisting of paperboard "pogs" with the value (1, 5, 10, 25, etc. cents) printed on them. Will there also be a new type of MPC?

Dan brought:

- A nice US gold proof set (1995)
- a US Type set which he modestly described as "weak on quarters"

Pal brought

- A proof Canadian Silver Dollar commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee (1952-2002)

- A slot machine token from "Billy Bob's Texas Casino" at the Fort Worth Stock Yards. Many people were surprised to learn there was a casino in Fort Worth.
- Also from "Billy Bob's", an elongated penny
- A 2-Reales coin from Mexico, dated 1806. Carlos III was on the Obverse, the Pillars of Hercules on the Reverse

George brought Paper money!

- A 1-Peso bill from Veracruz, Mexico.
- A couple of one 50-centavo bills from "Estado de Chihuahua"

Steve brought some older numismatic books:

- An ANA grading book from 1977 which used line drawings to illustrate grade.
- A Brown & Dunn US coin book, published in 1969, which used photos for illustration
- A 9th Edition Yeoman Brown Book (1970) on foreign coins
- A hardcover Photograde book from 1970

Tom brought

- A nice slabbed MS-67 Jefferson War nickel, 1945-D, with attractive toning; ice blue on the outside changing to yellow in the center.
- An 1881 nickel 3-Cent piece, slabbed and graded MS-64

A Collector brought:

- A Lincoln Cent pulled from circulation which had what he perceived to be doubling in the AM of AMERICA on the reverse.
- A Washington Quarter with "machine doubling" in the ER of LIBERTY. This type of "doubling" is not true doubling & isn't rare.

Lastly Gerry brought Paper money! 1917-ish Russian "Horse Blankets" so called because of their large size:

- one 10,000 Rouble note
- and two 5,000 Rouble bills, almost identical but said to be two different types. They looked a little different, almost as if one had been left in the sun for some time and had faded. Upon closer inspection, they did appear to be different types, with one having much cleaner and more continuous lines in the printing. Perhaps one was a contemporary counterfeit?

Submitted by Cynthia Mauk

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on March 20, 2003 with our President, Tony Hales, presiding. There were 30 members attending. We were happy to have David and Shawn Metcalf and Ken Driscoll as guests. Kim Groves won the "design a business card" contest with his star design.

The club has been given a free table at the upcoming Boy Scout Show at Market Hall. This will give us a great opportunity to reach potential young numismatists.

David Linaere gave a presentation on United States pattern coins and shared reference books on the subject.

The lotto winners were Ron Edlestein and Tony Hales. Door prize winners were Anderson and Bill Nelson. Congratulations to all winners! Gary Rollins conducted a fifty-lot auction with Tony Hales assisting.

The April regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on April 17, 2003 with our President, Tony Hales, presiding. There were 21 members attending. We were happy to have Anita Walker as our guest.

Randy Bourland gave a presentation on type II quarters.

There was discussion on the information to be included on Kim Groves business card design. The lotto winner was David Linaere. Door prize winners were Anita Walker, Terry Woodcam and B.B. Gilbert. Tony Hales conducted a forty-two-lot auction.

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Larry Herrera called the March 20 meeting of the Dallas Coin Club to order with 18 members present; also two guests, Jim Fitzgerald and Jeanne Martin. The Secretary's minutes were approved and the Treasurer reminded the members that "dues are due". Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced the program for April, May is our 75th Anniversary Dinner, the June program is open and Mike Grant will be doing the July program. Club member, Debbie Williams, who is also the District ANA Rep, sent the club a letter advising that ANA would refund up to \$25 toward the cost of any advertising the club does. President Herrera appointed Hal Cherry to do some research on possibilities. Glenn Woods announced that he would consider matching any expense the club incurs on an ongoing basis to advertise for new members. This is dependent on exactly what the club does. Paul Garner, a Waco coin dealer, contacted the club members via a mass e-mail mailing offering to return to the club a trial striking of the 50th Anniversary Medal that he purchased in a box of coins at a Mississippi show. Larry will contact Mr. Garner accepting his offer and thanking him for it.

Jim Fitzgerald, who is President of the Mid Cities Club, gave a report on the status of the upcoming show and also requested volunteers. The main problem this year was finding an appropriate and economical place to have the show. It appears that many hotels and convention centers are pricing themselves out of our range. Hal Cherry reported that Joe Wade, who has had two yearly shows at Green Oaks Inn in Fort Worth, would no longer have that facility available to him. Joe has had some conversations with members of area clubs about the possibility of leasing or buying a building, such as one of the abandoned grocery stores, to use for all the various coin shows and probably rent it out to other organizations for shows and events. A financial investment from each club would be necessary. While this is certainly in the

very preliminary discussion stages, it may be something that we will have to consider in the next year or so.

Jim Fitzgerald gave the program on Fort Worth Banks. He displayed approximately 20 bank notes and other related documents such as checks, letterheads, post cards, etc.

Kathy Lawrence, Mike Cordell, Larry Herrera, Frank Clark, Charlie Meade, Stewart Huckaby, and David Swann won door prizes. Raffle winners included Jeff Cecil (twice), Stewart Huckaby, Glenn Woods, and Mark Gee. Twenty-two items were sold in the auction for \$77.50.

Nine members of the Dallas Coin Club informally met on April 17, 2003. According to our By-Laws we could not hold an official meeting and conduct business, as there were not 10 members present. No one had any comments concerning the March minutes and Treasurer David Swann did not give a report due to the lack of members present. Secretary Hal Cherry discussed the upcoming Anniversary dinner and urged members and guests to attend. Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced that there was no speaker yet for the June meeting and Mike Grant would speak on counterfeit coins at the July meeting. Also, the joint meeting with the Collin County Coin Club will be July 31st at the Monkok Chinese Food Restaurant in Richardson. Stewart also mentioned John Wilson's appearance at the NE Tarrant County Club.

Stewart Huckaby gave the program on baseball in Numismatics. U.S. commemorative coins depicting this theme included the so-called Nolan Ryan 1992 dollar, the 1996 half-dollar and the 1997 Jackie Robinson dollar. Legal tender coins have been issued by Cuba, Liberia, and the Isle of Man. There are also numerous silver rounds, elongated cents, team specific medals, and other items. Stewart had examples of all of these types. In Show and Tell, Hal Cherry had a slabbed dime given away about 10 years ago by a leading "slabber" as an advertising example that now showed ugly toning. Ben Hong had U.S. Commemorative stamps depicting early day Hawaiian stamps and Stewart had an 1884 silver dollar.

Submitted by Hal Cherry, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 27 members and guests attending the March 3, 2003 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club. The business meeting went quickly. So we can have plenty of time for Jerry Clemons's program about Buffalo Nickels. Jim Bevill, Jerry Clemons, and Tim Conway announced that Jim Bevill has agreed to run for the Texas Numismatic Association Governor District 6. District 6 is the area around Houston, Beaumont and Southeast Texas. The current Texas Numismatic Association Governor District 6 is Ralph Ross. Ralph Ross will step down because he will be busy being a Clements Coin Club supporter, Clements High School math teacher and going for a P.H.D. Tim Conway stated that the next meeting, March 17, we will be putting together the National Coin Week Reminder Cards and labels. There will be

about 2300 labels, 76 pages with 30 labels on each page. Jerry Clemons presented the program about Buffalo Nickels.

There were 33 members and guests attending the March 17, 2003 meeting. The club started to work on the reminder cards for our National Coin Week show April 26-27, 2003. Tim Conway noted that the Texas Numismatic Association has sent all members a general election form. Most of positions only had one nomination, including Jim Bevill as district governor. Ginger Bing asked about the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Tim Conway stated that April 7 will be the installation dinner discussion and April 21 will be coin club elections. Ed Stephens noted that all 40 tables for the National Coin Week show are sold. Ed Stephens asked the club to start a volunteer list. Past volunteers from the August show, Tim Conway and Jim Bevill will handle the scout merit badges. Ron Miller will handle the snack bar area. Michael Wolford will work the registration table. The program for tonight was Show and Tell. The following members presented a short program, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Ken Loeffler and Ron Sjoberg. Sebastian Frommhold won the Show and Tell prize.

There were 32 members and guests attending the April 7, 2003 meeting. Tim Conway stated that Jim Bevill would help create a club field day. Currently the idea is to view the "Saint Peter and The Vatican" display between now and July 27, at the Museum of Natural Science. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens created another volunteer list for the National Coin Week Show. Volunteering, you could meet new club members or ask about anything numismatic. Tim Conway stated April 21 meeting would be mostly about the National Coin Week show. Michael Wolford noted that non-paying members would be removed from the active list. All of the attending members are paid in full. Tim Conway also stated April 21 would also be the club elections. Tim Conway passed out the volunteer list again, since the original list didn't ask what time someone would volunteer. Ed Stephens and club motioned and passed that Ginger Bing would be our club representative along with her family at the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Sebastian Frommhold presented the program about Chopped Marks.

There were 33 members and guests attending the April 21, 2003 meeting. There was no discussion about the club field day or installation dinner. Tim Conway conducted the elections. All positions are the same as the 2002-2003 club year. The final board members are Tim Conway as President, Tom Cooper as Vice President, Ed Stephens as Secretary, Tom Bermel as Treasurer and Michael Wolford as Newsletter editor. Jim Bevill, Jodie Bevill presented the program about Battle of San Jacinto. Bellaire Police Officer Hollaway reminded about the way dealers are robbed during our show and other security topics.

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift--Club Newsletter)

The February meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club was called to order by President Francis Townsend. Amended minutes were approved. A report on the Money Show, including a letter from ANA President John Wilson congratulating the club on a successful show was given. More reports from the show were given, including a financial report, committee reports and reports about three criminal incidents that occurred. New members were voted on and welcomed into the club, including new life member Don Kagan. Ralph Ross gave an update on the activities of the Clements Coin Club. New officer candidates were presented to be voted on at the next meeting. The club has a new website, www.money.org/clubs/ghcc2003.html.

The March meeting began with a welcome to the many guests in attendance. Amended minutes from the February meeting were accepted. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Five new members were voted into the club. The upcoming officer installation dinner was discussed and a final report on the club's Money Show was given. The candidate slate for the new officers was presented and no additional nominations were received, thereby electing the new slate. The program for the night was given by Richard Laster on currency of the Texas Republic, the Civil war and the Texas war.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Alamo Coin Clips- Club Newsletter)

The March 13th meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had 42 members and one visitor in attendance. At the member roundtable, many interesting numismatic items were shown including an 1875 trade dollar, a hobo nickel, an error 1956 cent and an error \$5. After acceptance of the treasurer's report and an update on ill club members, the attendance award and raffle prizes were given out. A very informative program on Detecting Current U.S. Fake Coins was given before an auction closed the meeting.

The March 27th meeting saw 45 members and one visitor attending. After the member roundtable and a short business meeting, prizes and a 70-lot auction closed the meeting.

The April 10th meeting had 41 members and one guest present. The roundtable had many items presented, including an 1834 half-cent, an undated Spanish cob, a gold plated racketeer nickel and an MS64 Flying Eagle cent. After the treasurer's report and announcements, the attendance award and raffle prizes preceded the program given by Jim J. on "Angels" and their use on coins. A 41-lot auction closed the meeting.

The April 24th meeting had 40 members in attendance and began with the usual member roundtable. A raffle and 77-lot auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

Twenty members attended the April 15th meeting of the South Plains Coin Club. Ben Cave, club president, announced that Lynn Parker, Vice President, would undergo back surgery on the 16th. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Herman Jacobs said that Russell Prinzinger needed Material for the TNA youth auction and asked for donations. Herman collected many items and some cash from the club members. Herman is a great supporter of the numismatic hobby and the youth in particular. Lamonte Pitzer gave a report on our 2003 club show; we had 98 tables reserved and had a great show. Lynn has taken reservations for 64 tables for our March 20th & 21st, 2004 show. Way to go Lynn! Ed Chauncy conducted the auction assisted by Ben Cave and Gober Pitzer to conclude the meeting.

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Lamb County Coin Club meeting was held April 22nd with 9 members present. David Keithley, V.P., opened the meeting in the absence of president Earnest Mills. David asked if anyone had any news to share. Lamonte Pitzer gave a report on the South Plains Coin Club show March 22nd & 23rd and also asked that everyone try to attend the TNA show in May. Lamonte said he would try to get 2 exhibit forms as David has 2 nice exhibits he would like to display. Larry Sanderson reminded members of national coin week. Larry displays at the local banks.

Lamonte Pitzer TNA Governor # 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso, (Club Newsletter)

The February meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 41 members and three guests present. After acceptance of the minutes of the January meeting, an update on the club's encased coins for its' club show was given. Reports on recently attended shows and the latest in numismatic news was given. A raffle ended the meeting.

The March 6 meeting had 38 members and one guest present. Plaques for the club shows exhibits were given to John Grost (1st), Joe Mais (2nd) and Chuck Steward (3rd). Pat Curran and Robert Pick were given plaques for merit. A report on the success of the club show was given. Reports on recently attended shows and the latest in numismatic news was given. A raffle ended the meeting.

The March 20 meeting had 28 members in attendance. A final report on the club show was given and the nominating committee asked for potential officer candidates. The program for the night was a bourse night where members could shop from other members. A raffle ended the meeting.

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

the Golden Spread Coin Club met on April 7, 2003. We had 14 members present. Minutes & Treasures reports were approved.

The club filled out the TNA ballot. We have a CD to roll over. The club voted to have Louise Tompkins to roll it over into another CD.

Mike Nowak & Ted Winton gave a very good program on buying & selling coins on E-Bay. This was our last meeting at the library. The next meeting in May will be at a Lutheran Church. We had a drawing for some door prizes.

Golden Spread Coin Club met at our new meeting place in May. Hopefully this will be a permanent place for us to meet for a while. We had 12 members & 1 Junior member present. The minutes & Treasures report were approved. The committee to find the meeting place did a good job. The room at the church is good. There was a lot of discussion on our up coming coin show on August 16 & 17. We discussed how much security to have at the show. We also discussed our insurance for the up coming show. It was decided by those present to assign committees just like last year. David Cass gave a very good program on commemorative coins.

Submitted by Doug Hershey

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 5 May (Happy Cinco de Mayo). There were eleven members present. George Woodburn presented an interesting program sharing some of the memorabilia gathered by him and his wife during their years in the Army such as, unit patches, volksmarch medals, unit crests, aircraft recognition playing cards, citations, etc. Gene Wheeler reported the April show sponsored by the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club was quite successful, with attendance much better than last year and better than the attendance at the recent Oklahoma State show. The membership (attendance) prize, a 1976 Proof Set, went to Max McCristian. Raffle prizes were won by Dan Massaro, a 2003 Silver Eagle, and Judy Wheeler, a 1972 Mint Set. Ray Whyborn conducted a 13-lot auction

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 27 March. There were 19 members present and no visitors. Gene Wheeler, show chairman, gave a last minute overview on the upcoming show on 12 and 13 April. Thus far, 46 tables have been sold. Gene will appear on two local morning TV shows to publicize the show. Several members volunteered for various tasks such as, setting up, picking up donuts, making coffee, manning the registration desk, etc. Gene also announced that next year's show will be on 17 and 18 April. These dates have been locked in with the Multi-Purpose Events Center. Yours truly was the lucky winner of the membership prize, a 1961 U.S. silver

proof set. Floyd Wilson and John Van Dunk were winners of the raffle prizes.

The regular monthly meeting was held on 24 April. There were 14 members present, but no visitors. Gene Wheeler gave a summary of the Spring show. There were 56 tables sold to approximately 36 dealers. Preliminary counts indicated some 300 attended the show and the crowd was steady, rather than spasmodic. Many dealers left on Saturday afternoon, apparently having had a good show rather than a bad one. Since Jim Hino from Colorado had a conflict and was unable to attend this year, there was one dealer who was only buying stamps and one dealer with both coins and stamps. This dealer's material is always top quality. The 1881 \$5 gold coin, the door prize at the show, was won by Brandon Hopper of Wichita Falls. Ronald "Butch" Krasovic was the winner of the membership prize, a BU 1964 U.S. silver proof set. Michael Wimberley and Gene Wheeler won the raffle prizes.

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The February of the Beaumont Coin club began with minutes and treasurer's report. A discussion of upcoming shows was held as well as an announcement that the club has already sold over half the tables for the September show. Judy Matherene gave the program on black history and grading of coins. Door prizes and closed the meeting.

The March meeting was called to order by President George Fortune with one guest in attendance. After a short business meeting, Harriet Wolf presented the program on the Australian racehorse Phar Lap.

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

Betty Scott gave a program on "Pop-Up Books." A pop-up book is a book that gives an illustration or tells a story with moveable or pop-up figures on its pages. Betty has been collecting pop-up books for about five years and has several dozen to date. Among some of her collectable pop-ups are a Theater Book, Monet's Garden, a book of Renaissance Architecture, the Seven Wonders of the World, Great Inventions, Harry Potter and Alice in Wonderland to mention a few. Some of Betty's pop-up books show beautiful scenes of nature and various other interesting things. Some of the books actually fold out into Doll Houses. Betty's pop-up books come in various sizes, from very large (approx. 16 x 20 in.) to very small (roughly 3 x 4 in.). There are even books from other countries such as England and Holland. Several of her books are in "mint" condition and still have the wrappers on them. Door prize winners were; Silver Round – Barbara Williams; 1974 Proof Eisenhower Dollar – Betty Scott; 1984 Proof Set – Shirley Pearson; 1984 Mint Set – Morgan Alleman; George Washington Commemorative Half Dollar – Paul Brown; TNA Medal – Patsy Alleman.

Submitted by Carlton Simmons - Secretary

Orange Coin Club (club newsletter)

The March 13th meeting of the Orange County Coin Club began with 17 attending including three visitors from Tucson, Arizona. An announcement was made asking for numismatic material for the YN auction at the TNA show. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted and the club discussed old & new business.

Mr. Ted Dent gave a program on Buffalo nickels. Winners of the door prizes were Barbara, Jerry, David S and Peggy D. Many winners donated their prizes to the youth auction. An auction led by Jerry closed the meeting.

Silsbee Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The February meeting of the Silsbee Coin club was called to order with good attendance. Minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted. A discussion on upcoming shows was held as well as acceptance of two new members. Jerry Williams gave the program on error coins and how to detect counterfeits. Door prizes and an auction closed the meeting.

The March meeting began with a pledge to the flag and acceptance of the minutes and treasurer's report. Emory Ledoux gave the program on the Federal Reserve System. Door prizes and an auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The March meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 31 members and guests present. After acceptance of the February minutes and the treasurer's report, Ray Leggett gave an update on the club's travelling exhibit. It was announced that fifty-five tables had been reserved for the club show. After general announcement and discussion for the upcoming May and June meetings programs, a raffle ended the meeting.

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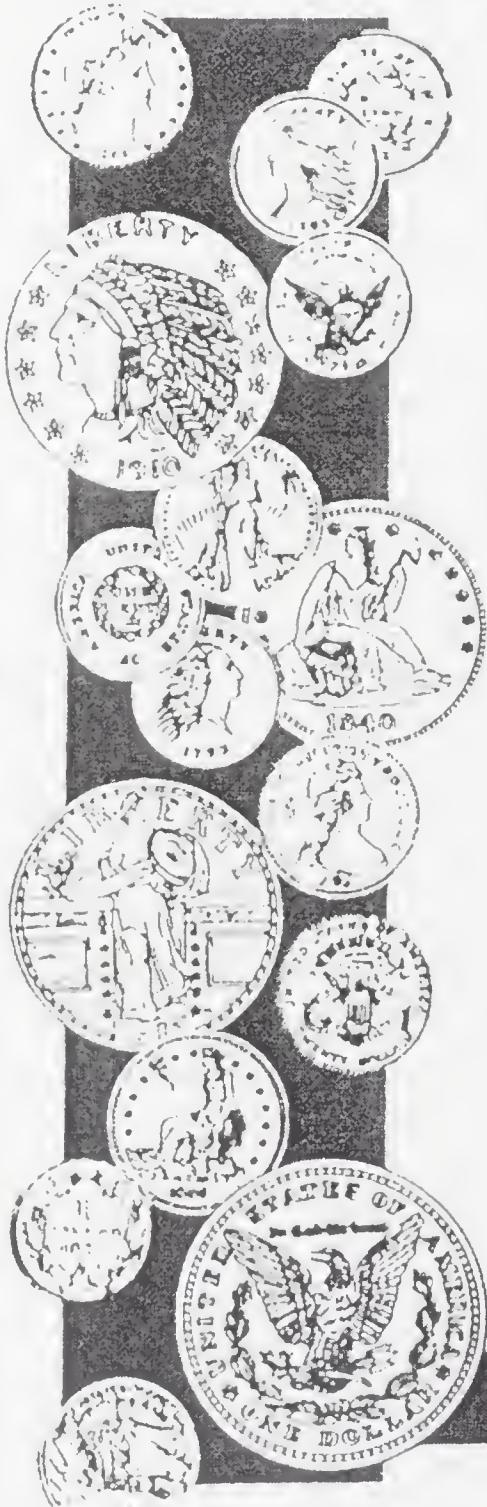
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